

Beatrice (from Dante's "Inferno"). The climate is semi-tropical; there are palm trees and magnolias. Across the lake is the French Riviera with its private estates. President Eisenhower, the Shah of Iran, and many celebrities vacation at the Riviera.

On our tour to the Castle of Chillon, we had a personable and pleasant guide with a delightful sense of humor. She spoke English. The rock on which the Castle of Chillon stands was once occupied by men of the bronze age and later by the Romans. Parts of the castle were built in the Eleventh and Thirteenth Centuries. It belonged to the Counts of Savoy and was captured in 1536 by the Swiss Bernese, who used it many years as a depot, armory and dwelling place for their Baliffs. In 1798, it became the property of Vaud. Restoration work began at the end of the Nineteenth Century, which was made easier by the discovery of documents in the Archives in which were found the dates of nearly all the work carried out since the Twelfth Century. We enjoyed the tour very much as we envisioned the lives connected with this castle and after reading Lord Byron's "Prisoner of Chillon" and felt "the damp vaults dayless gloom" as we stood in Bonivard's prison. We saw the paintings on the wall of the "Crucifixion With The Saints" painted during the Fifteenth Century. Bolivar, along with the other prisoners, were freed by the Bernese on the 29th of March 1536 and immortalized by the poet Byron, who signed his name on the third pillar of this prison. In the Chapel now restored for divine services, the charming guide invited our tour group to sing. The acoustics were excellent. The group joined in singing one of our favorite hymns, "Come, Come Ye Saints." Our tour guide commented that it "sounded beautiful."

Niklaus Manuel (1587-1620), Lord Baliff of Chillon was the son of Ursula Von Graffenried and Albrecht Manuel, Lord Governor of Berne Switzerland. His wife was Jaqueline Peronnes Von Graffenried, the granddaughter of Kaspar Von Graffenried (1574-1627), Lord Governor of Thun. These names are on the genealogy sheet that Paul Nielson prepared for us. Their Temple work has been completed.